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Homelessness is an issue that affects all of Los Angeles County. However, housing alone will not solve homelessness nor does it assist homeless individuals to become productive citizens, if housing is not complemented with treatment services for mental health and substance abuse.

While Laura's Law allows fast-tracked, limited court-ordered intensive mental health care for the seriously mentally ill, it falls short in helping the mentally ill homeless population.

Many state and federal laws continue to serve as a barrier to treatment services that should otherwise be made available to assist the homeless population, especially those that cannot make decisions about their own health and safety.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to work with County Counsel and the Health Agency to evaluate relevant state and federal laws, as well as County codes and ordinances that serve as a barrier to providing treatment for homeless individuals who refuse services; and report back in 30 days with an assessment and any recommendations for Board action to seek legislation or modifications to County codes or ordinances.

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